

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO DUSTIN PETERSEN

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and recognize Dustin Petersen for being named a 2013 Forty Under 40 honoree by the award-winning central Iowa publication, Business Record.

Since 2000, Business Record has undertaken an exhaustive annual review to identify a standout group of young leaders in the Greater Des Moines area who are making an impact in their communities and their careers. Each year, forty up-and-coming community and business leaders under 40 years of age are selected for this prestigious distinction, which is based on a combined criteria of community involvement and success in their chosen career field. The 2013 class of Forty Under 40 honorees join an impressive roster of 560 business leaders and growing.

Dustin Petersen has been a partner with McGladrey LLP since 2007. His roles at McGladrey certainly keep him busy as a national tax leader for the firm's consumer products group as well as a national practice leader for the alternative energy sector. In 2002, Mr. Petersen started a national renewable practice with McGladrey that today has clients across the country and the world. Outside of work, Dustin serves his community as the chair of Ankeny Economic Development Collaboration Start-up and Entrepreneurial Growth Group, as well as a board member for the Blank Park Zoo Foundation and the Blank Park Endowment Corporation. Raised on a second generation farm in northern Iowa, Dustin now resides in Ankeny with his wife Nicole and their three children, Alex, Megan and Zach. In all facets of his life, Dustin is an example of hard work and service that our state can be proud of.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Dustin in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. Petersen for utilizing his talents to better both his community and the great state of Iowa. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Dustin on receiving this esteemed designation, thanking those at Business Record for their great work, and wishing each member of the 2013 Forty Under 40 class continued success.

IN HONOR OF DETECTIVE ELIZABETH CHASE BUTLER

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Detective Elizabeth Chase Butler, a fallen Santa Cruz Police De-

tective who touched the lives of many through her commitment to service in her community.

Elizabeth was born on March 16th, 1974, in Boulder, Colorado, and moved to Santa Cruz, California, after the tragedy of 9/11. Elizabeth joined the Santa Cruz Police Department in 2003 and was constantly challenged to learn new skills and take on new roles within the SCPD. She took great pride in the work she did and wore many hats in her years with the department, serving as a patrol officer and bicycle officer, and also as a member of a special drug task force and hostage negotiation team. Elizabeth had a love of investigating and had earned the rank of Detective in charge of sexual assault investigations at the time of her tragic death. Her compassion for others and commitment to her community only grew as she spent more time assisting with and caring for child and female victims.

Elizabeth is survived by her long-time partner, Peter Wu, and their two sons, five-year old Joaquin, and two-year old Stellan. Her time with her family was filled with trips to the Santa Cruz beach, walks through Henry Cowell State Park, and visits to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. She and her family also traveled to Manzanita, Oregon, every summer to visit with extended family. Additionally, Elizabeth stayed very close with her long-time friends and college roommates, who had traveled to San Francisco for a twenty-year reunion the week before Elizabeth's passing. Detective Elizabeth Chase Butler will be remembered not only for her commitment to her family and her community, but also for her joyful spirit and love of life.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Detective Elizabeth Chase Butler's legacy as a kind-hearted and dedicated partner, mother, and community servant.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th Anniversary of the Kappa Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The Kappa Omega chapter was the first chapter established in the South Atlantic Region, where it was chartered on March 1, 1923 in Atlanta, GA. The charter members include Founder Marie Woolfolk Taylor, Floy Brown, Eva Conner, Caroline Bond Day, Madeline Smith Davis, Adelaide D. Smith, Alice Rucker, Ruth Prince, Louise Shivery and Hattie Watson. I honor their commitment to their community, particularly to promoting and cultivating high scholastic achievement and social unity amongst girls and women of color.

For the past nine decades, Kappa Omega has distinguished itself as a guiding torch in

servicing others by implementing programs that impact communities around the world. Their current international program initiatives focus on Global Leadership through Timeless Service. The women of Kappa Omega certainly know leadership. Several notable chapter members have become leaders on the local, regional and international level. At the regional level, A. Cathryn Johnson, Sujette F. Crank, Dr. Mary Shy Scott and Dr. Lucretia R. Payton-Stewart have all served as South Atlantic Regional Directors, while Dr. Scott has also served as the 23rd President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Members of this chapter have also served on and chaired several international committees.

The members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority deserve to be commended for the thousands of hours of volunteer work they contribute every year. Their efforts at the local level to encourage young girls to go to college, and to help them succeed after they get in, are laudable and must continue. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to honor their hard work and service, and I encourage my fellow colleagues to do the same.

IN CELEBRATION OF GREGORY KONDOS

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Gregory Kondos, a friend and renowned artist, as we celebrate his extraordinary career and his upcoming 90th birthday. Gregory is often noted as one of the finest California landscape artists, receiving a number of awards for his exquisite ability to capture beauty. As his family, friends, colleagues and fellow artists all gather to honor his remarkable career, I ask my colleagues to join me in tribute to Gregory Kondos.

A resident of Sacramento for over eight decades, Gregory began his career and artistic training at Sacramento City College, later to receive both his Bachelor's and Master's in Art from California State University in Sacramento. He would later return to Sacramento City College to teach within the Art Department for 27 years, and served as the director of the campus gallery.

Gregory's art is simply breathtaking, capturing California's beauty like few others ever have. I have long been an admirer of Gregory's work, and am thankful to have one of his paintings of the Sacramento River in my office. In Sacramento our rivers are our identity and the painting reminds me of Sacramento's ties to water and the benefits and challenges that brings. His California and Sacramento landscape pieces are amazing works of art that truly capture the essence and beauty of the region. After decades of work, Gregory and his art continue to be great ambassadors for the Sacramento region.

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